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Geeuen by the reuerend Father in Christ  
Thomas, by Gods prouidence, Byshop of Couen  
and Lichf. as well to the Clergie, as to the Church-  
wardens and enquierers of euery severall Parish as well of hys  
peculier as generall Jurisdiction wythin and of the Diocesse of Couen  
and Lichf. to be obserued and kept of euery of them in their offices and  
callinges, as to them shall appertaine, for thaouauncement of Gods ho=   
nor, thincrease of vertue, and good order to be continued within his sayd  
Diocesse, and the same to be enquired of and put in vse by all  
the Archdeacons, Commissaries, and other officers  
exercising Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction vnder the  
sayde Byshop, according to the limits of  
their severall offices and iurisdicti=   
ons, in their Synodes, visi=   
tations, inquiries,  
and courtes.  
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# Injunctions giuen

*by the reuerend Father in Christe*

*Thomas, by Gods prouidence*

*Bishop of Coven and*

*Lichf. &c.*

## For the Clergie.



N P R I M I S , you must  
trauel diligently & pain-  
fully to sett forth Gods  
true religion , & adourne  
the same with example  
of godly lyfe , being cir-  
cumspect that you offend  
no man ; eyther by lyght  
behaiuour , or by lyght  
apparell .

Item , vpon euery  
Sunday and Holy day , ye shal in your Church at  
conuenient howres reuerently and distinctly saye  
or sing the Common prayer appointed by the lawes  
of this Realme , both in the fore noone and after  
noone , so turning and placing your selues , as the  
people may best heare the same , and vpon euery  
Wednesday and Friday (not being holy daye) ye  
shal say the Letanye and other prayers appointed  
for the day , and shal also at all tunes requisite and  
conuenient , duely and reuerently minister the two  
holy

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holy Sacramentes according to suche order as is sett forth in the booke of Common prayer, and administration of the Sacraments. &c.

3 Item, ye shall every Sunday, and euery holy day openly in the Churche, heare and instruct the children and seruaunts of both sexes within your parish, at the least so many of thē at once by course as the tyme wil serue, & as ye may well heare and instruct for an howre at the least before Eueninge prayer, in the tenne comaundements, the Articles of the beliefe, and the lordes praier, & diligently examine and teach them the Catechisme, sett forth in the booke of Common prayer.

4 Item, to the intent this thing may bee more effectually executed, ye shal take the names of all the children & seruants of both sexes in your parishe þ be aboue sixe yeres of age, & vnder twētie, which cannot say the Catechisme, and shall call by course certeine of them by name, euery Sundaye & euery holy day to come to the Catechisme, whereby you may easily note & obserue, what parentes or maiſters be negligent in sending their children and seruaunts to be instructed, and take occasion therof both priuately and openly to exhort them to sende their youth as they are appointed.

5 Item, you shall not admitte to the receyuing of the holy Communion any of your Parish, whiche be openly knowne to lie in anye notorious synne without repentance, unlesse þ same person doe first openly reconcile him or herself againe to þ satisfac-  
tion of the congregation, nor any malicious person  
that is notoriously out of charitie, without priuats  
recōciliatiō first made to the partie against whom

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the malice shalbe conceyued and borne.

6 Item, you shal not admitte to the holy Communion any of your Parishes, men, or women, being aboue twentie yeres of age, that cannot say by hart the tenne commaundementes, the Articles of the faith, and the Lordes prayer, nor any being aboue twelue yeres, & vnder twentie yeres of age, that cannot say by heart þ Catechisme that is set foorth in the booke of Common prayer.

7 Item, for that purpose ye shal before Easter and all other times of the yere when the holy Communion is to be by you ministred, giue warning before vnto your parishioners to come vnto you, eyther in the after noone of some Sundaye or holy day, or the day before they purpose to receiue, or at some other times before, as necessitie shall cause you to appoint, if there be anye multitude, or in the morning at the furthest, before they shall receyue, so that it be afore þ beginning of morning prayer, so many of them as intende to receiue, and not only to signifie vnto you their names, to thintent ye may kepe a register or note of all suche persons as from time to time shal communicate, but also to be by you examined, whether they can saye by heart the x. commaundementes, the articles of the fayth, the Lordes prayer, and the Catechisme, according as after the diuersitie of their ages is aboue required, and such of them as eyther cannot or wyll not recite the same by hart vnto you, ye shall repell and put backe from the holy Communion, vntill they shalbe able and willing to learne, and by hart recite þ same vnto you. For your better assistaunce wherin, ye shall call vpon a require the Churche-

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wardens & sworne men of your parisse to bee present, one of them at the least, at euery suche examination to thintent they may helpe to put this good order in practise, & take a note of such wilfull and negligent persons as shalbe founde faultie in thys behalfe, and so present the same to the Ordinary.

8 Item, ye shal not admitt to awiswere as Godfathers or Godmothers at the christening of anye childe, any person or persons, except he, shee, & they haue before received the holy Communion, & can say by hart the articles of the christian faith, & wil recite the same before the minister, if he, she, or they be therunto required.

9 Item ye shall euery Sunday when there is no sermon in your Church, distinctly and plainly read one of the Homelies set forth by the Queenes maiesties auctoritie or one part therof at the least, in such sort as the same is appointed to be read.

10 Item, ye shal not take vpon you to expounde any scripture or matter of doctrine by waye of exhortation or otherwise, in your own Church or other where, vnlesse ye be admitted so to do, by the Ordinary, or be licenced to preach.

11 Item, you shall read openly in your Church in time of diuine seruice, twise euery yere vpon some of the Sundayes within one moneth next after þ feastes of Easter and Saint Michaell tharchangell, plainly without addition or change: A declaration of certeine principall articles of religion, set forth by both the Archebishops and the rest of the bishops of this realme, for the vnitie of doctrine.

12 Item, you shall preach, or by suche as are lawfully licensed, shal cause to bee preached in þ Chur-

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ches where ye are Parsons or Vicars, one Sermon every quarter of the yeare at the least.

13 / Itē none of you shal serue ii. cures at one time without special licence vnder your ordinaries seale.

14 / Item, no Curate shall serue any cure wythin this Diocesse, without speciall licence in writing vnder the Ordinaries seale.

15 / Item, for the putting of the Churchwardens and sworne men better in remembrance of theire duitie, in obseruing & noting all such as do offend in not comming to diuine seruice, ye shall openly every sunday after ye haue read the secounde lesson at Morning and Euening prayer monish & warne the Churchwardens & sworn men of your parish, to looke to their charge in this behalfe, & to obserue who contrary to the lawe do that day offend, eyther in absenting themselues negligently or wilfully from their Parishchurch or chappel, or vnererently vse them selues in the time of diuine seruice and so note the same, to thintent they may eyther present such offenders to the Ordinarie, whē they shall be required thereunto, or leuie and take by way of distresse to the vse of the poore, such forfaitures as are appointed by a Statute made in that behalfe.

16 / Item, ye shall from time to time diligently call vpon & exhort your Parishioners to conferre and giue towardes the relief of the poore as they may well spare, and specially when ye visite them that be sicke, and make their testamentes, and for your owne partes also shal charitablie relieu the poore to your habilitie.

17 / Itē, ye shal dayly read at the least one chapter of

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of the olde testament, & another of the newe, with  
good aduisement, and such of you as be vnder the  
degree of a Maister of Arte, shall prouide & haue  
of your owne , according to the Queenes Maie-  
sties Iniunctions at the least the new Testament  
both in Latin and Englishe conferring the one w  
the other , euery day one Chapter thereof at the  
least, so that vpon the examination of the Arche-  
deacon, Commissary or their officers, in synodes &  
visitations, it may appeare howe ye profite in the  
studie of holy Scripture.

18. Finally, any of you shall not keepe any suspec-  
ted woman in your house, or be an incontinent ly-  
uer, geeuen to dronkennesse or ydlenesse, or bee a  
haunter of Tauerne, Alehouses or suspected pla-  
ces, or a hunter, hawker, dicer, carder, tabler, swe-  
rer, or otherwise geue any euill example of life, but  
contrariwise at al times when ye shal haue leysure  
ye shall heare or read somewhat of holy scripture,  
or shall occupie your selues with some other honest  
studie or exercise, & oftentimes giue your selues to  
earliest prayer . And shall alwaye doe the thinges  
which appertaine to honestie, and moue your Pa-  
rishioners to quiet and concorde, helping to recon-  
cile them which shall happen to be at variaunce at  
any time, and by al meanes ye can, endeuor to pro-  
fite the common welth, hauing alwayes in mynde  
that ye ought to excell all other in puritie of lyfe, &

should be examples to the people to liue

wel and christianly , not giuing

any way iust cause of

offence.

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¶ For the Church wardens and en-  
quirers, commonly called the  
sworne men of euery  
Parish.



¶ Aprimis, ¶ you the Churchwar-  
dens & enquirers in euery Parish  
win the Diocesse of Couen and  
Lichf. shal vpō your othes duely  
a truely certifie & present in wri-  
ting vnto the Ordinarie, Arche-  
deacon of the place, or Comissa-  
rie, or to other officers appointed in this behalfe,  
once or oftener in euery yeare, as hereafter is ap-  
pointed, at such certeine daies & places, as shal bee  
signified vnto you from tyme to tyme, all such mat-  
ters as hereafter ensue. That is to say.

1. First, ye shall certifie and present once in euerye  
quarter of a vere, whether your Parsons, Vicars,  
& Curates, do diligently, obediently, and duely ob-  
serue & kepe all the said Injunctions geeuen vnto  
them, as is aboue mencioned, so farre forth as the  
same do any maner of waye concerne them or any  
of them, & if they do not, then which and how ma-  
ny of the said Injunctions do they not keepe, & in  
what pointes do they violate & break the same.

2. Item, whether the Queenes maiesties Injunc-  
tions be quarterly read by your Parsons, Vicars,  
or Curates.

3. Item, to certifie and present quarterly whether  
there be any among you, that is a hinderer of true  
Religion, or a fauourer of the Romishe power, or  
that stubbornely refuseth to conforme himselfe to

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Vnitie & godly religion, set forth by commō autho-  
ritie, or any that wilfully & obstinately defende or  
maintaine any heresies, or false doctrine, contrary  
to the holy scriptures, & what his or theire names  
are.

4 Item, to present quarterlye, whether your pa-  
rish Clarke or any other persone not being ordred  
at y least for a Deacon, doe presume to solēnise ma-  
trimony or minister the sacrament of baptisme, or  
deliuer to y cōmunicants the Lordes cup at the ce-  
lebration of the holy communion, and what hee or  
they bee, that so doe. And whether any person not  
being a minister, Deacon, or at the least tolerated  
by the Ordinary in writing, do attempt to saye the  
Common praier, & other diuine seruice openly in  
the Church, and what he is that so doth.

5 Item, to certifie quarterly whether any Curate  
presume to serue in your parish church without li-  
cence from the Ordinarye in writing, and vnder  
seale, or whether any serue two cures wythout li-  
cence.

6 Item, to certifie yearely at the visitation, whe-  
ther your parishe haue a Byble of their owne, the  
booke of common praier, a Psalter, y two bookes  
of Homelies, the booke called the Paraphrasis of  
Erasmus, and other bookes requisite, & a faire &  
comely Communion cup of siluer with a couer of  
siluer for the same, whiche couer may serue for the  
ministratiōn of the Lordes bread.

7 Item to certifie likewise, whether your Quyer  
be comely & orderly kept, whether ye haue a faire  
& comely Communion table standing vpon a frame  
with a faire linnen cloth to lay vpon the same, and

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some carpet or couering of silke, buckram, or such like for the cleane keping thereof, & a decent large Surples with sleevees for the Minister, to be vsed of him in all his ministratiōn within the Church, & also a chist or boxe for the almose of the poore.

8. Item, to certifie quarterly, whether your register booke of christeninges, mariages & burialles, be duely kept, & the same christeninges, mariages, and burials as they happen from tyme to tyme, bee entred by your minister into the same booke, in the presence of you the churchwardens or one of you.

9. Item, to certifie quarterly, whether when anye christian body is in passing, the bell be tolled, & the Minister called to comfort the sick person, & after þ tyme of his or her passing, there be any more ringig but one short peale before the buriall, and another short peale after the buriall. And whether on all Saints day after Euening praier there be any ringing in your church, or other superstitious ceremonies vsed, tending to the maintenance of þ popishe purgatorie, or of praying for the dead, & who they be, that vse or do the same. And whether there bee any ringing or tolling of belles on Sundayes or holydayes betwene Morning prayer & the Letanie, or in any tyme of diuine service, or reading of þ homilies or preaching, except one bell, in conuenient tyme to be rong or tolled before þ sermo. And who they be that so do ring, or toll the belles otherwise. And whether there be anye that vpon olde superstitionis custome vse to keepe for holye daye, suche daies as by lawe are abrogated, whether it bee in resorting to þ church, or in shutting vp their shops or otherwise ydelye abstaining from labour at home,

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home, contrary to the lawes of this realme. And who they be that so do.

10. Item, to present yeresly at the visitation, whether there bee anye in your parish, man or woman, being of conuenient age, that hath not receyued þ holy communion thrise at the least in euery yeare, & namely at Easter or thereabout for once, & what their names are. And whether yeresly before Ea-ster at suche conuenient times (& namely on Sun-dapes in Lent at after noone) as the Parson, Vi-car, or Curate shall appoint and require hys pari-shioners to recite unto him the Catechisme, or at the least the Lordes prayer, þ Artycles of the chri-stian beliefe, and the tenne commaundementes by hart in English, if any wilfully and stubbornly re-fuse to recite the same, whether you þ churchwar-dens and sworne men, or some of you, doe assit & aside the Minister therin.

11. Itē, to present quarterly, whether suche schole-maisters as teach in your parishe, be of a syncere & sound religion, and be diligent in teaching & brui-ging vp of your youth godly, & whether also they be allowed by the Ordinarie to teache.

12. Item, to certifie & present quarterly, whether all fathers, mothers, and maisters of your Parishe cause their chylldren & seruauntes both mankynde & womankind, being aboue sixe yeres of age, & un-der twenty yeres, which haue not learned þ cate-chisme, or at the least such & so many of thē as your minister shal apoint, diligently to come to þ church every sunday & euery holyday at þ time appointed & there obediently to heare, learne, & be ordred by your minister, vntil such time as they haue learned

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all þ said catechisme by hart, & what be the names of those that do not cause their children & seruants so to come to þ church to be instructed & examined.

13. Item, to certifie & present quarterly, whether the lay people of your parish especially householders (having no lawful excuse to be abſēt) do faithfully & diligently endeuer themselves to resort to their parish church or chappel on the holy daies, & chiefly on the Sundays, to morning & Euening praier, & vpon reasonable let thereof, to some other vsuall place where common praier is vſed, & then & there abide orderly & soberly, during all the tyme of common praier, homilies, preachings, & other seruice of God there vſed, & what be the names of those that negligently or wilfully absent themselves, or come verie late to the church vpon the Sundays & holy dayes, but especially vpon the Sundays.

14. Item to certifie & present quarterly the names of such of your parishioners as walke, talke, or otherwise vnreuerentlye behauue themselves in the church, or vſe any gaming abrode, or in any house, or sitt in the streates or churchyarde, or in any Tabuerne or Alehouse, vpon the Sunday or other holy day in the time of common prayer, sermon, or reading of any of the homilies.

15. Item to certifie & present quarterlye, whether you the churchwardens & sworne men doe leuie & gather of euery person that wilfully or negligently absenteth him or her selfe from theire Parisse church, or vnreuerentlye behaueth him or her selfe in the church in time of diuine seruice vpo þ Sundays & other holy daies, the forfaiture of xii.d. for euery such offence, according to a statute made in þ first

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first yere of the Queenes maiesties raigne þ nowe  
is, and haue put the same forfaitures to the vse of  
the poore of the Parish, & what particular summes  
of money are quarterly forfaited that way, and by  
whom, & how much therof is leuied and deliuered  
to the Collectours of the poore. And if any such for-  
faitures be not leuied in case of suche offences, by  
whose defaulte it happeneth, that the same are not  
leuied, and what be the names of such as offend  
that way, and do not pay the said forfaiture.

16. Item, to certifie & present quarterly, whether  
there be any Inne kepers, alehousekeepers, Victu-  
ellers, or Tiplers, w<sup>i</sup>n your parish, þ admitt or suf-  
fer any person or persons in their houses, to eate &  
drink, or playe at cardes, tables, or other games in  
time of cōmon praier, preaching or reading of Ho-  
milies on the Sundayes or holy dayes, & whether  
there be any shops open on sundayes or holy daies,  
or any Butchers or others, that use to sell meat or  
other things vpon þ sundayes or holy dayes in like  
time of common praier, preaching, or reading of þ  
Homilies, & what be the names of the persōs that  
so offend. And whether in any faires or common  
Markets falling vpō þ sunday, there be any shew-  
ing of any wares before morning prayer be done.

17. Item, to certifie & to present likewise, whether  
you haue Collectours for the poore of your parish,  
whether they do their duitie in gathering wekely  
& distributing the almes of þ poore, according to a  
statute made in þ fist yere of the Queenes Maies-  
ties raigne, & make a iust accōpt therof quarterly.

18. Item to certifie & present likewise all such per-  
sons as be of habilitie & do obstinately or forwardly

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refuse to geue reasonably towardes the reliefe of the poore, or do wilfully discourage others from so charitable a deede, and what be their names.

19. Item, to certifie & present at the least quarterly all swearers & blasphemers of Gods name, all drunkerds, adulterers, fornicators, ribauldes, incestuous psongs, bawdes, or receivers of such incōtinent psongs, or of strange women w childe, whose husbandes are vñknowen, or any persons that are vehemently suspected of such faults, or that be not of good name and fame, touching such crimes and faultes, and all sowers of discord betweene neighbour & neighbour within your parishe.

20. Item, to certifie likewise, whether your church & chauncell be sufficiently repaired, & cleynly kept, & the mansion house of your Parson or Vicar wyth buyldings thereunto belonging likewise well repayred, & your Churchyard well fenced, & cleanly kept, and if any of the same be ruinous & in decay, through whose default it is so. Whether y churchwardēs of the last yere were enioyned to haue repayred any part of the Church, or to haue fenced y churchyard, & did neglect to do the same.

21. Item, to certifie whether the Churchwardēs of the last yeare haue giuen to the Parish a iust account of the church goods that were committed to their charge, & what church goods they haue sold, and to whome, and whether to the profite of the church or no? And whether any person suppreesse y last will of the dead, & performe not Legacies bequethed to y church, or to Orphans, poore maides mariages, high wayes, schooles, or to anye other godly use.

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22 Item, to certifie & present whether the churchwardens & sworne men of the last yere haue of any private corrupt affection concealed any crime, or other disorder in their time done in your parishe, & haue not presented the same to the Archdeacon, or Comissarie, or other officers, hauing bene charged & enioyned vppon their othes to present the same, & what crime or disorder the same was. And whether they or any of them at any such time or times as they shoulde haue beene at diuine seruice in the church vpō y sundaiies & holy daies, & should there haue obserued such persons as then were absent from the church, haue themselues ben absent from the church, & haue sit in the tauerne or alehouse, or haue bene ydle else where, or at the bowles, cards tables, or other gaming, in time of diuine seruyce wout regard of their office or duitie in that behalfe.

23 Item, to certifie and present once in the yeare, whether for the reteyning of the perambulation of the circuit of your Parish in the Rogation dayes, commonly called the Gang weeke, your Minister & your Clerke without wearing any Surplesses vpon them, & you the churchwardens and sworne men, with certain others of the substanciall men of your Parish, doe yearelye walke the accustomed boundes of your parish, with giuing of thankes, & vsing of suche order of prayers & homilies, as bee appointed by the Queenes Maiesties auctoritie in that behalfe, without caryng of banners, stayng at crosses, or vsing anye other superstitious ceremonies in any of your perambulations.

24 Item, to present likewise, whether there haue bene any lordes of misrule, or disguised persons in

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Christmas, or daunsters, minstrels, or May gamers, at any other tyme, y haue vnreuerently come into your church, & there played vnseemely partes with scosses, iestes, & ribauldrie talk, or Daunsing, and namely in tyme of Common prayer, and what their names be, & the names also of such others as came with them to maintaine such disorder.

25. Item, to present quarterly, whether ye know anye to be maried within y degrees of affinitie or consanguinitie prohibited by the lawes of God, or any that being diuorsed & seperated for the same, do yet notwithstanding cohabite & kepe company still together, or whether any being maried wout those degrees haue unlawfully forsaken their wiues, or husbandes, or maried others. For the more certain knowledge of which degrees, you shal procure, that the Table touching the degrees of Matrimony last set forth by the most Reuerend father in God Mathewe Archbishop of Cantorburie, be fastened in some conuenient place in your Church.

26. Item, ye shai present all such as kepe & vse any sedicious booke, contrary to the Queenes lawes and procedinges.

27. Item, that all church wardens hereafter from time to time, resort to the Bishop or to his chancour within one moneth next after they bee chosen or appointed to their office: and bring with them iiiij. of the substantiallest men of the parish to take a corporall othe together, for the good obseruing of all good order, and presentment of all thinges done contrary to these Iniunctions.

God sauе the Queene.



